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3 By Senators Coleman-Madison, Dunn, Sanford, Bussman,
4 McClendon, Livingston, Holley, Glover, Albritton, Williams,
5 Scofield, Ross, Smith, Sanders, Beasley, Whatley, Marsh,
6 Stutts, Melson, Allen, Blackwell, Brewbaker, Chambliss, Dial,
7 Figures, Hightower, Holtzclaw, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Shelnutt,
8 Singleton, Smitherman, Waggoner and Ward

9 RFD:

10 First Read: 09-FEB-17

8 RECOGNIZING GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS DAY.
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10 WHEREAS, gynecologic (gyn) cancers are among the
11 leading cancer killers of women in the United States, and more
12 than 98,000 women will be diagnosed, and more than 30,000
13 women will die from these diseases this year, and the absence
14 they leave in our hearts will be deeply felt forever; and

15 WHEREAS, the "A State of Teal" initiative brings
16 awareness of all gyn cancers to the people throughout the
17 State of Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of women in
19 our state are enhanced by increased awareness of gyn cancers
20 and their symptoms and treatments; and

21 WHEREAS, it is also crucial that all women in the
22 State of Alabama take an active role in learning the symptoms
23 and risk factors associated with gyn cancers, developing
24 healthy habits, and undergoing regular medical examinations so
25 that any occurrence of these diseases may be detected in their
26 early and treatable stages; and

1 **WHEREAS**, we reflect upon the memory of those lost to
2 these diseases, the bravery of those currently battling these
3 diagnoses, and the need for increased awareness, screening,
4 and research so that the women of Alabama might be spared from
5 them in the future, and we encourage all citizens to work
6 together to raise awareness of gyn cancers; now therefore,

7 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH**
8 **HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING**, That in recognition and observance
9 of Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Day on February 16, 2017, we
10 encourage all Alabama citizens to wear teal, the designated
11 awareness color for gynecologic cancers.